

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

defining a first part of a frame as containing sensitive information, wherein the frame includes the first part and a second part, the first part being identified as an area of the frame, the second part being identified as another area of the frame;

transcoding the first part of the frame at a higher bit rate than the second part of the frame based on bandwidth available for transmitting the transcoded frame such that the transcoding further includes:

detecting first network congestion;

in response to the detecting of the first network congestion,

reducing the bit rate of the second part of the frame while maintaining the bit rate of the first part of the frame;

detecting second network congestion;

in response to the detecting of the second network

congestion, reducing the bit rates of the first and second parts of the frame wherein the bit rate of the second part of the frame is reduced more than the bit rate of the first part of the frame is reduced.

2. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [2]1 wherein the transcoding further comprises:

detecting third network congestion;

in response to the third network congestion, discarding a low priority area of the second portion.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [4]¹ wherein the ~~low priority~~second part area of the frame is determined by:

frequency of appearance; or,
location relative to central location.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein the first part contains more bits per macroblock than the second part.

7. – 8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a sensitive-information generator to generate a definition of a first part of a frame as containing sensitive information, wherein the frame includes the first part and a second part, the first and second parts defined as different areas of the frame and not different objects of consecutive frames;

a transcoder to transcode the first part of the frame at a higher bit rate than the second part of the frame based on bandwidth available for transmitting the transcoded frame such that the transcoding further includes:

in response to the detecting of first network congestion,
reducing the bit rate of the second part of the frame while
maintaining the bit rate of the first part of the frame;
in response to the detecting of second network congestion,
reducing the bit rates of the first and second parts of the
frame wherein the bit rate of the second part of the frame

is reduced more than the bit rate of the first part of the frame is reduced.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9 further comprising:

memory to store a configuration file including a coordinate of an item in the first part of the frame, wherein the item is one of an object and an area.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 further comprising:

memory to store a configuration file including a priority of ~~an item in~~ the first part of the frame, ~~wherein the item is one of an object and an~~ area.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11 further comprising:

a file analyzer to convert a format of the configuration file into another format compatible with the transcoder.

13. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the sensitive-information generator sends the definition of the first frame to the transcoder and receives a status of the bandwidth from the transcoder.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having instructions therein, as opposed to a transitory electromagnetic signal, which when executed with logic circuitry on a semiconductor chip cause a method to be performed, comprising:

define a first part of a frame as containing sensitive information, wherein the frame includes the first part and a second part, the first part and second part being identified as different areas of the frame;

transcode the first part of the frame at a higher bit rate than the second part of the frame based on bandwidth available for transmitting the transcoded frame such that the transcoding further includes:

in response to the detecting of first network congestion,
reducing the bit rate of the second part of the frame while
maintaining the bit rate of the first part of the frame;
in response to the detecting of second network congestion,
reducing the bit rates of the first and second parts of the
frame wherein the bit rate of the second part of the frame
is reduced more than the bit rate of the first part of the
frame is reduced.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 15 wherein the instructions for transcoding further comprises instructions operable to:

in response to third network congestion, discarding a low priority area of the second portion.

17. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 14 wherein the low priority area is determined by:

frequency of appearance; or,
location relative to central location.

18. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 17 wherein the first part contains more bits per macroblock than the second part.

19. – 20. (Canceled)